(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग आयोग को ग्रामीण उद्योगों के विकास हेतु पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आवंटित की गई राशि इस प्रकार है :—

वर्ष	(रु. लाख में)
1989–90 . . .	17500
1990–91 . . .	18600
1991–92	19300

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

appeal by Gene Campaign to risist patent on plants

3158. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gene Campaign has appealed to Government to firmly reject the move by foreign companies to patent our plant varieties and the Genes that give high yield and are disease resistant, as per the newsitem entitled "Appeal to resist patent on plants" which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 21st June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Gene Campaign has appealed to the Government in this regard.

(b) In the negotiating group on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPs), under the ongoing Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, the developed countries, in general, have been insisting on providing patent protection to inventions relating to living organisms. In the compromise proposal put forward by the Director General of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT), it is provided that member countries may, under certain conditions, exclude plants and animals and essentially biological processes for the production of plants and animals, from patentability. However, micro-organisms and non-biological and micro-biological processes for the production of plants and animals cannot be excluded. It is also provided that this position will be reviewed after four years from the entry into force of the TRIPs agreement.

(c) The patents Act, 1970 does not permit patenting of plants or plant varities. There is no proposal to amend the Act.

Customs duty on imported waste paper

3159. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the All India Small Paper Mills Association to abolish customs duty on imported waste paper;

(b) what is the total requirement of waste paper to the mills and the present supply to them;

(c) what are the other demands made in the representation; and

(d) what is Government's reaction thereon and the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the Development Council for paper, pulp and allied industries, the following are the projcted demand and availabilty of waste paper:-

(in lakh MT (in lakh MT)

Year	Demand	Indigenous Availability
1990 . . .	4.80	2.80
1995 . . .	7.40	4.9